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BACKGROUND MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR (to be discussed with
Childs in the morning)

Subject: IAC Meeting
10:00 a.m., Friday

1. Mr. Armstrong says that he also will be away so cannot attend the proposed IAC meeting this Friday. This means he will send Booth who, I understand, is opposed to the NIS Program from the very beginning. Armstrong feels that there should be an intermediate step to consider funds and personnel and completion dates, but I told him we felt that nothing could be done by the intermediate Standing Committee, that the IAC Chiefs would have to allocate or rearrange funds and personnel for this work. He said that he had none of either, and that it was not provided for in his budget.

2. This means that Booth will have nothing but objections to offer. State's reply approving of the Ad Hoc Committee Report wants the proposed NIS Committee to establish the production capabilities and target date for completion rather than for these to be done before the Committee takes up the work to compile the NIS.

3. I am afraid the proposed meeting on Friday morning will serve no useful purpose because Booth will say that State is prepared to do nothing. General Chamberlin, a chief advocate for this NIS Program, is away, and Admiral Inglis is also away. Only General Cabell and General Todd, the first of whom has little production and the latter of whom has none in connection with this work, will be present at the meeting of the real IAC.

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4. [REDACTED] is coming up the first thing in the morning and, if possible, we'd like to give you a pep talk about putting the steam on these other Agencies.

P. C. [Signature]